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**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION**

AT RICHMOND, DECEMBER 2, 1999

PETITION OF

WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY

CASE NO. PUA990071

and

SHENANDOAH GAS COMPANY

For authority pursuant to the Affiliates Act, §§ 56-76 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, the Utility Transfers Act, §§ 56-88 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, and the Utility Facilities Act, §§ 56-265.1 et seq. of the Code of Virginia to merge Shenandoah Gas Company with and into Washington Gas Light Company

**ORDER EXTENDING TIME FOR REVIEW**

On October 6, 1999, Washington Gas Light Company ("Washington Gas") and Shenandoah Gas Company ("Shenandoah Gas") filed an application under Chapter 4, Chapter 5, and Chapter 10 of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia for authority to merge Shenandoah Gas with and into Washington Gas.

Section 56-77 allows the Commission to extend its sixty- (60) day period for review “for an additional period not to exceed thirty (30) days.”

Section 56-88.1 allows the Commission to extend its sixty- (60) day period for review for “a period not to exceed an additional 120 days.”

We note that the issues involved in the petition will require additional time for review. As such, we are of the opinion that the sixty- (60) day period is not sufficient time in which to investigate fully matters associated with the proposed merger. Therefore, it is appropriate to extend the period for review of issues under § 56-77 for a period of thirty- (30) days, or through January 2, 2000. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that the period of review of issues governed by § 56-77 shall be extended for a period not to exceed thirty- (30) days from the original sixty- (60) day time period, or through January 2, 2000.